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- 1. WHILE POST AND AYEC WELCOME GAO VISIT MUST POINT OUT THAT TIME PROPOSED FOR VISIT NOT CONDUSIVE TO COLLECTING NECESSARY DATA. YUGOSLAV UNIVERSITIES AND MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED OR OPERATING WITH SKELETON STAFFS DUE TO SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON (THROUGH MID-AUGUST), THUS ACCESS TO FORMER FRANTEES AND GOY POLICY MAKERS WILL BE NIL. FURTHER COMPLICATION IS NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE WHICH TAKES PLACE IN BELGRADE THIRD WEEK OF JULY; LIKELY THAT ALL HOTEL SPACE IN CITY WILL BE BOOKED FROM ABOUT JULY 16 THROUGH END OF MONTH. FINALLY, PAO AND CAO WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN BELGRADE JULY 17 THROUGH 21 AS WILL BE REPRESENTING EMBASSY AT DUBROVNIK FESTIVAL WHICH HAS LARGE AMERICAN PRESENCE THIS YEAR. STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT GROUP POSTPONE ITS VISIT UNTIL LATTER PART OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER.
- 2. IN EVENT GROUP MUST RETAIN ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, REQUEST ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES, NUMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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OF PEOPLE COMING, WHAT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED, WHETHER TRAVEL WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA PLANNED (INTERNAL FLIGHTS DURING HOLIDAY SEASON OFTEN BOOKED WEEKS IN ADVANCE) AND NAMES OR TITLES OF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM DESIRE APPOINTMENTS. CATHERMAN

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